

Come Explore Olympic's Wilderness

Wilderness is... a place for people seeking solitude, escape, wildness, beauty and much more. A place for clean water, clean air, abundant wildlife, and diverse and unique plants. A place for the solo adventurer, families, mountaineers and for friends. A place for the young and the old. Wilderness is a place for all people.

For the past 25 years I have camped and hiked all over the west and Olympic National Park is still one of my favorite places. In this spectacular park my family and I can enjoy the comfort of a campground, take a short day hike or embark on a backpacking trip.

I am always amazed that at Olympic I can stand on a sandy beach with waves lapping at my feet and gaze out past mammoth sea stacks at the Pacific Ocean, and the next day I can become immersed in the refreshing embrace of the temperate rain forest. Or I can walk through groves of giant trees while following the path of a crystal clear river up to its source in the lofty, snow covered mountain passes and peaks that overlook the valley below.

My spine has tingled as a giant bull elk and I have watched a mountain lion run along a huge log in the rain forest. I have seen unimaginable sunsets and experienced the fury of winter storms in the mountains and along the coast. And I have been soaked to the bone by torrential rains only to bask in the soul-warming sunlight the next morning. The beauty of this wilderness never ceases to amaze and inspire me.

In 1988, Congress designated 95% of Olympic National Park as wilderness to protect its rare wild character. We are all responsible for the future of this magnificent place. Through thoughtful protection and use of this unique wilderness resource, we can ensure its endurance for future generations. Thank you for your stewardship and love for wild places like Olympic.

by BRYAN BELL, Wilderness Information Center Supervisor



Take A Last Look

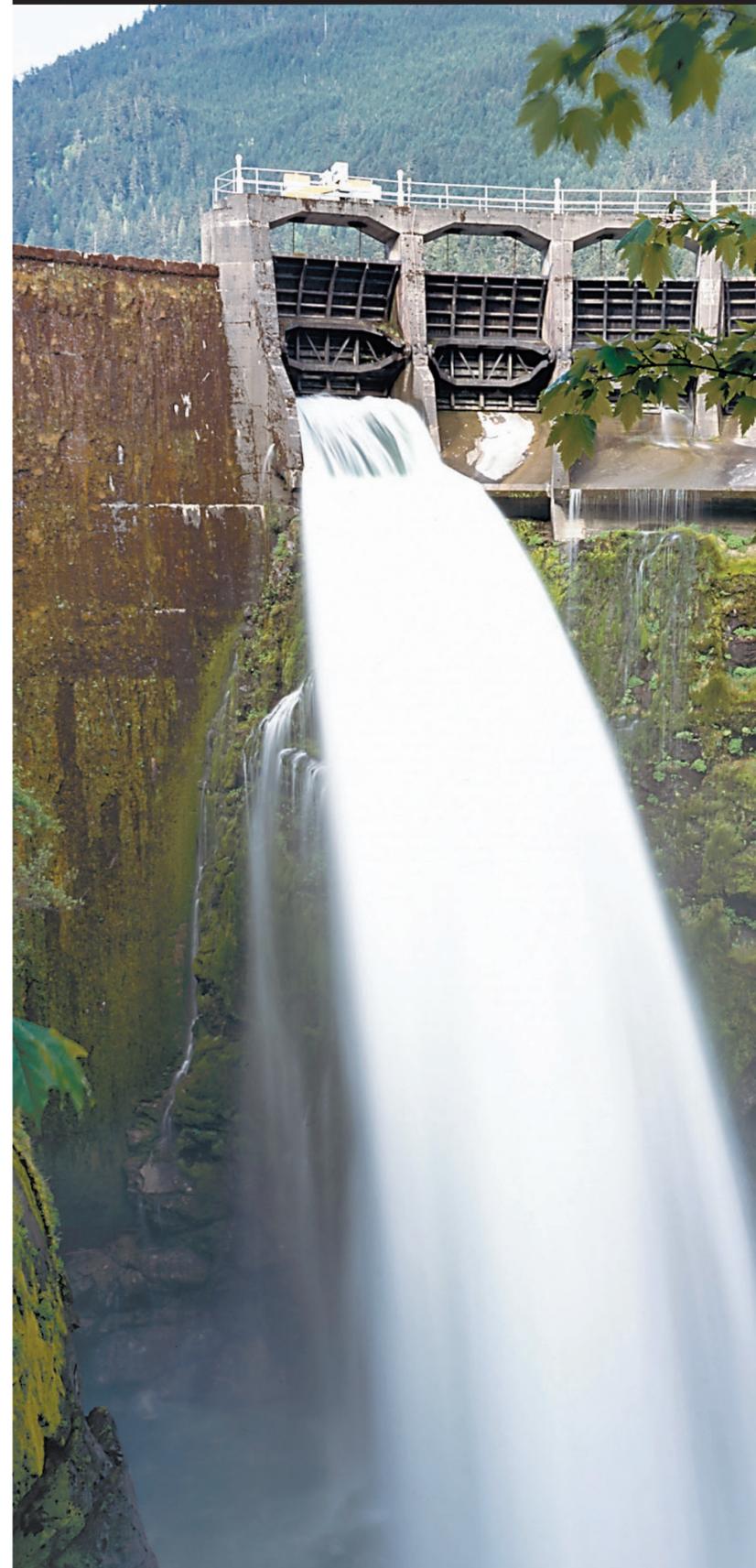
By BARB MAYNES, Public Information Officer

After years of planning and preparation, Olympic National Park is gearing up for the largest dam removal in U.S. history and celebrating the 'last dam summer' in the Elwha River Valley. Next summer, removal of Elwha and Glines Canyon dams on the Elwha River will begin, the culminating step in a process that will free the river and allow thousands of salmon to return to over 70 miles of river and stream in a pristine and protected ecosystem.

When the two Elwha River dams were built in the early 1900s, they played a vital role in the history and development of the area, but provided no way for salmon to reach upstream habitat. Removing the dams will restore salmon to the river, and open pathways for regional vitality.

For the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, who have lived along the Elwha River since time immemorial and are primary partners in Elwha Restoration, this project will renew their culture by restoring salmon and revealing sacred sites now covered by water.

For more information, ask a ranger for a copy of the park's *Freeing the Elwha* brochure or check www.nps.gov/olym/. And while you're here, visit the Elwha Valley for a last look at the dams—and start planning your next trip to see dam removal in process and at last, the restored Elwha River.



Through the Eyes of a Child



"Waterfall!"

For perhaps the fifth time since we've started our drive through the park, my eight-year-old son has chimed in with this eager observation. He's referring to the small cascades of water that trickle down the embankments along Highway 101, most of which are lost to me amidst oncoming logging trucks and the passing blur of rocks, ferns, and evergreens.

"WHOA! BIG one!"

This one I do notice, and can't help but crack a smile. *That's nothing*, I think to myself. We're on our way to Salmon Cascades, on the Sol Duc River. There, as spawning salmon fling themselves upward against the rushing whitewater, come exclamations of excitement like nothing I've ever heard from him; not from Legos, not from Hot Wheels, not even from the PlayStation 2. "Oh my goodness!" he shouts, delighted and grinning, as one really soars. And he means it! This is not ingratiate-the-parents-so-we-stop-for-ice-cream-later kind of stuff. Same goes for his squeals of absolute glee as he outruns a wave at Rialto Beach on another day. Or his genuine "This is the most beautiful thing I've ever seen" remark overlooking Lake Crescent—or was it the view at Hurricane Ridge?



As an adult, sometimes it's easy to overlook the utter magic of a place. The everyday world is too busy, too fast-paced, too stressful, whatever. But if you take a few moments and pretend you're eight again, the perspective can really help. Feel free to giggle.

by CHRIS ECKARD, East District Interpreter



Elinor Chittenden catches a steelhead on the Elwha River in 1907 (above). Glines Canyon Dam (left).

INFORMATION

Road WORK!

This summer you might experience road delays in various locations throughout the park, which hopefully will not inconvenience your travels. As part of its regular road maintenance and upgrade program, the park undertakes a wide range of road projects, which improve travel and increase the life of the road surfaces.

Maintaining park roads is a continuous job, according to Carl Elleard, Park Civil Engineer and Acting Roads Foreman. Along Lake Crescent on Highway 101, a chip seal project will resurface the highway the latter part of July. Staircase Road will also receive a complete chip seal. New gravel will be placed on the Deer Park, Queets and Quinault roads. A complete pavement replacement project on the Hurricane Ridge Parkway is scheduled to take place 2010-2011. These projects add to the regular maintenance tasks of cleaning ditches and culverts, removing downed trees, and seasonal snow removal on the Hurricane Ridge Road.



All of these efforts and other projects will help connect you to scenic beauty of this spectacular national park.

Safety and More



Help keep wildlife wild! Never feed park wildlife. It is harmful to animals and hazardous to you. Animals fed by humans can lose fear of people, which may lead to aggressive behavior. Secure all food, garbage and scented items from wildlife 24 hours a day. In the campgrounds, store these items in your vehicle. When in the backcountry, you are required to use bear canisters in the Sol Duc area, Royal Basin, along the coast and in other park areas. For more information please check at the Wilderness Information Center.

The Wilderness Information Center (WIC), located in the Olympic National Park Visitor Center in Port Angeles, provides wilderness information and permits, minimum impact tips, bear canisters and more. Plan carefully for a safe trip. (360) 565-3100 www.nps.gov/olymp



Filter or boil all backcountry water for five minutes to avoid infection by *Giardia*, a microscopic intestinal parasite.

Bring rain gear and warm clothing. Hypothermia, a dangerous lowering of body temperature, may result from exposure to wet or chilly weather.



Pets are not allowed on park trails for the safety of your pets, park wildlife and you!

Tread lightly please. Avoid walking on delicate vegetation by staying on trails. Help protect this beautiful wilderness park for future visitors.



In case of an emergency dial 911. Park rangers are located throughout the park. They will assist visitors with safety, crime and other issues.

Visit the park website: www.nps.gov/olymp
Tune your radio to 530 AM for park information in the Port Angeles area. At Lake Crescent or Quinault tune to 1610 AM. For park information call (360) 565-3130. For 24-hour recorded park road and weather information call (360) 565-3131.



Bicyclists beware! Travel around Lake Crescent and other park areas can be hazardous due to heavy traffic, narrow roadways and seasonal road construction. Please use extra caution.

Drift logs are dangerous! Avoid swimming in or walking near the ocean during storms or heavy surf.



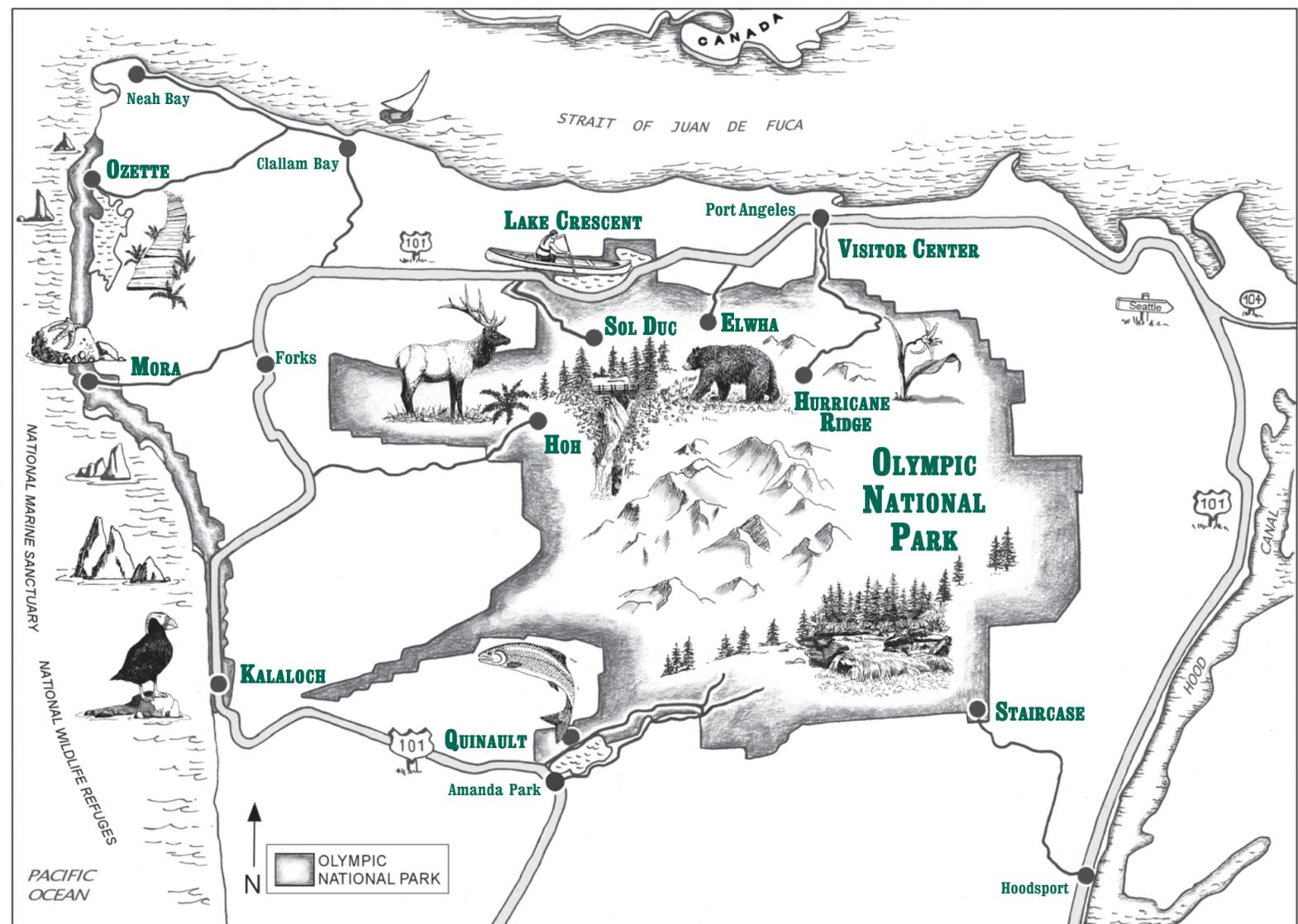
Cougars inhabit all elevations of the park where deer, elk and other prey are plentiful. Few people are attacked by cougars. If you encounter a cougar, make yourself large and loud, wave your arms or a stick, face the cougar and slowly back away.



COAST

The park's wilderness coast provides a constantly changing performance. Low tide exposes sea anemones, red and purple sea urchins, sea stars and limpets, artistically and strategically arranged on the rocks. It is important to leave tide pool animals in their homes, as moving just one animal disrupts an entire community. **Kalaloch** is an expansive sandy beach located 93 miles southwest of Port Angeles. Kalaloch Ranger Station has information, exhibits and a bookshop. Visitors also enjoy campgrounds, Kalaloch Lodge, a restaurant and convenience store. Advance reservations are available for Kalaloch Campground during summer by calling 1-877-444-6777. Nearby Beach 4 and Ruby Beach are popular destinations accessed via 0.2-mile trails. **Mora**, 66 miles west of Port Angeles, offers a campground less than two miles from Rialto Beach. Along the beach, you can hike 1.5 miles north to picturesque Hole-in-the-Wall. Check the tide tables for longer hikes. At **Ozette**, you can reach the beach along three-mile boardwalk trails to either Sand Point or Cape Alava. A popular day hike is the nine-mile loop, which includes a three-mile beach walk. Be sure to make a reservation for wilderness camping. Have a safe and enjoyable trip!

Please return often, perhaps during a season of snow, or in the spring when old and new generations of green share the palette of this rare masterpiece called Olympic.



Park Concessions

Park Concessions offer food services, lodging and gift items at Lake Crescent Lodge, Log Cabin Resort, Sol Duc Hot Springs Resort and Kalaloch Lodge. Food and gift items are available at Hurricane Ridge Visitor Center and Fairholme Store. Boat rentals are available at Lake Crescent concessions. All of these facilities are operated seasonally, except Kalaloch, which is open year-round.

Programs are offered by Aramark interpretive guides at various locations in Olympic National Park and Olympic National Forest. Activities include walks, hikes, van and boat tours, campfire programs and festival events. For further details visit their website: www.olympicnationalparks.com



Kalaloch Lodge - (360) 962-2271

Lake Crescent Lodge - (360) 928-3211

Fairholme Store (Lake Crescent) - (360) 928-3020

Log Cabin Resort (Lake Crescent) - (360) 928-3325

Sol Duc Hot Springs Resort - (360) 327-3583

Are You Climate Friendly?



Olympic National Park is! As a "climate friendly park," Olympic is undertaking a wide range of actions to reduce the park's greenhouse gas emissions and carbon footprint. You can join us, both at home and on the road, by making a few simple changes in your daily habits and choosing climate-friendly alternatives. Examples include recycling, reducing vehicle idling, turning off lights and computers when not in use, and replacing appliances, windows, and light bulbs with more energy-efficient types. During your visit, please utilize the recycling bins throughout the park.

Making Your Memories Last

BOOKSHOP COUPON

DISCOVER YOUR NORTHWEST

Valid on all merchandise, except sale items, at park visitor centers and ranger stations in Port Angeles, Hoh, Kalaloch and Forks. Expires 9/30/2010

30%
DYNW
members

15%
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members

Discover Your Northwest bookshops are located throughout the park. Your purchases help fund educational programs at Olympic National Park. Thank you for your invaluable support.



PARK PROGRAMS JUNE 25 - SEPTEMBER 5

PLEASE CHECK BULLETIN BOARDS FOR ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

NORTH SIDE

1. PORT ANGELES

Olympic National Park Visitor Center - Open Daily 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Information, Discovery Room, park film, bookshop, maps, exhibits, accessible forest trail. Park information: (360) 565-3130. Recorded 24-hour road and weather information: (360) 565-3131. In Port Angeles tune radio to 530AM.

Discover Olympic! - Daily 10:00 a.m.

Join a 20-30 minute talk about Olympic's treasures of fish, fur and flowers.

2. HEART O' THE HILLS

Evening Program - Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 8:00 p.m.
Heart O' the Hills Campground amphitheater. Topics on bulletin boards.

Family Forest Activities - Saturday 10:00 a.m.

Join us for 1 1/2- hours of forest activities. Meet at campground amphitheater.

3. HURRICANE RIDGE

Hurricane Ridge Visitor Center - Open Daily 9:00 a.m. - Dusk

The information desk is staffed from 10:00 a.m. - 5:15 p.m. daily.
Information, maps, exhibits, orientation film, trails. The snack bar and gift shop are open daily from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Terrace Talk - Daily 10:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m.

Learn about this spectacular wilderness park at a 20-minute talk. Topics vary from mountains to marmots.

Meadow Walk - Daily 11:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Join this easy one-hour guided walk to explore life in the mountains.
Discover wildlife, wildflowers and other features of the Olympic landscape.

4. ELWHA

Elwha Ranger Station

Information, bookshop, maps, trails.
Check bulletin boards for programs.

5. LAKE CRESCENT

Storm King Ranger Station - Open Daily 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Information, bookshop, maps, trails.

Marymere Falls Walk - Daily 2:30 p.m.

Meet at Storm King Ranger Station. One hour.

Lake Crescent Lodge Campfire Program

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 8:00 p.m. - June 25 through July 31 7:30 p.m. - August 3 through September 4
Meet at lakeside campfire circle near Lake Crescent Lodge. Topics vary.

Log Cabin Resort Campfire Program - Sunday

8:00 p.m. - June 27 through August 1 7:30 p.m. - August 8 through September 5
Log Cabin Resort lakeside campfire circle.

6. SOL DUC

Evening Program - Daily 8:00 p.m.

Sol Duc Campground amphitheater.
Check topics on bulletin boards.

EAST SIDE

7. STAIRCASE

Staircase Ranger Station

Information, exhibits, bookshop, maps, trails.



Forest Walk - Friday, Saturday, Sunday 2:00 p.m.

Meet at Staircase Ranger Station for 1 1/2-hour lowland forest guided walk.

Family Forest Activities - Sunday 9:00 a.m.

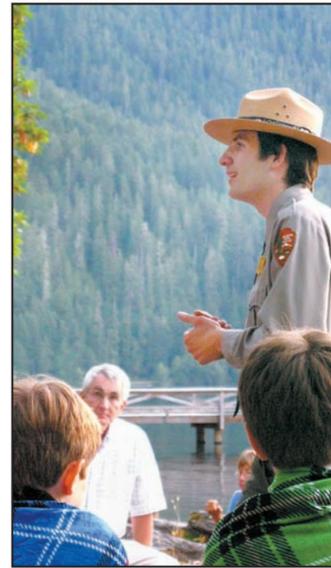
Join us for 1 1/2 hours of forest activities. Meet at Staircase Ranger Station.

Campfire Program - Friday 7:30 p.m.

Meet at Staircase amphitheater campfire circle for stories and activities.

Evening Slide Program - Saturday 8:00 p.m.

Meet at Staircase amphitheater for a slide program about this spectacular national park.



*In the mountain,
stillness surges up to
explore its own height;
in the lake,
movement stands still
to contemplate its
own depth.*

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WEST SIDE

8. FORKS

NPS/USFS Recreation Information - Open Daily 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Information, bookshop, maps, wilderness camping permits, park passes.

9. HOH

Hoh Rain Forest Visitor Center - Open Daily 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Information, exhibits, bookshop, maps, trails.

Spruce Nature Trail Walk - Daily 11:00 a.m.

Explore nature's intricate world along the Hoh River. This 1 1/2-hour easy stroll follows part of the 1 1/4-mile loop trail. Meet at Hoh Visitor Center.

Hall of Mosses Trail Walk - Daily 2:00 p.m.

Learn about giant trees, wildlife and more on this 1 1/2-hour, 3/4-mile walk through bigleaf maple glades. Meet at Hoh Visitor Center.

Evening Program - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday

8:00 p.m. - Hoh Campground amphitheater. Topics on bulletin boards.

10. QUINAULT

Quinalt Rain Forest Ranger Station - North Shore Road

Open Thursday through Monday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Information, exhibits, bookshop, maps, trails. Closed for guided walks & lunch.

Life in the Rain Forest Walk - Thursday through Monday 1:00 p.m.

Learn about rain forest plants, animals and homesteader lore. Meet at Quinalt Rain Forest Ranger Station for this 1 1/2-hour, 3/4-mile walk.

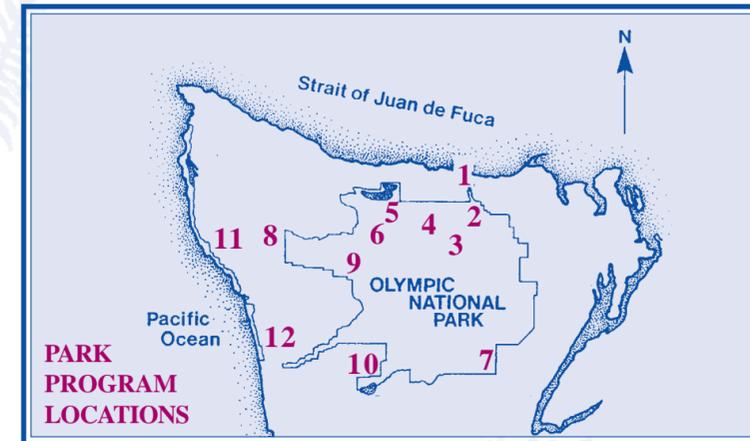


Discovery Backpack

Have fun exploring nature with a Discovery Backpack filled with binoculars, guidebooks and more! Borrow a backpack at park visitor centers for a \$5.00 donation.

Junior Ranger

Olympic National Park Junior Rangers learn exciting secrets about the park. Booklets are \$1.00 donation at park visitor centers. Earn your Junior Ranger badge!



11. MORA

Beach *Or* Tide Pool Walk - Thursday, Friday, Saturday - 2 hours

On mornings when the tide is low, join the Tide Pool Walk. Meet at Hole-in-the-Wall, a 1 1/2-mile beach walk north of Rialto Beach parking lot. Please check Mora bulletin boards for days and times.

On mornings when the tide is too high for the Tide Pool Walk, join the Beach Walk. Meet at 10:00 a.m. Days and locations posted on Mora bulletin boards.

Junior Ranger Program - Thursday and Saturday 2:00 p.m.

Hey kids! Meet at Rialto Beach parking area for this one-hour program. Explore the wonders of Olympic's wild coast with your family.

Evening Program - Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 8:00 p.m.

Mora Campground amphitheater. Please check topics on bulletin boards.

12. KALALOCH

Kalaloch Ranger Station - Open Daily 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Information, exhibits, bookshop, maps.

Beach *Or* Tide Pool Walk - Thursday, Friday, Saturday - 2 hours

On mornings when the tide is low, join the Tide Pool Walk. Meet at Beach 4 parking lot north of Kalaloch Campground. Please check Kalaloch bulletin boards for days and times.

On mornings when the tide is too high for the Tide Pool Walk, join the Beach Walk. Meet at 10:00 a.m. Days and locations posted on Kalaloch bulletin boards.

Ranger's Favorites! - Tuesday through Sunday 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Drop by the Kalaloch Lodge gazebo anytime during this one-hour hands-on exploration of Olympic's treasures. Bring your coastal curiosity!

Evening Program - Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 8:00 p.m.

Kalaloch Campground amphitheater. Please check topics on bulletin boards.

DISCOVER THE NIGHT SKY

HURRICANE RIDGE VISITOR CENTER

Meet Master Observer John Goar for a one-hour astronomy program with telescopes. Look for rings of Saturn or a distant galaxy. If skies are cloudy, program will be canceled. For program status, call the park phone recording at (360) 565-3131 after 4:00 p.m. the day of the program.

July 3 through July 13 - 11:00 p.m.

July 30 through August 6 - 10:30 p.m.

August 7 through August 15 - 10:00 p.m.

August 28 through Sept. 6 and Sept. 11 - 9:30 p.m.

OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK VISITOR CENTER, Port Angeles

Explore the summer night sky indoors with a projected one-hour planetarium program. Fun for all ages.

July 10, August 14 and September 11 - 7:00 p.m.

